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**SMILING INTO 2015**



**A SENSE OF OCCASION** enveloped Arcata's downtown Plaza in the waning light of 2014. Above, Jessica Ayala-Pimentel and Chrissie Anderson had balloon duty for a New Year's Eve party. Left, celebrants frolic and cavort about the Plaza, while Bobby Amirkhan walked his double bass home after a gig at Libation. Story, more photos page A3. PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION



## ❖ FIGHTING CRIME

# Deputy patrols to get beefed up in McKinleyville

Volunteers join effort to reduce crime

**Jack Durham**  
MAD RIVER UNION

**McKINLEYVILLE** — When it comes to law enforcement in Mack Town, two things are going to change this year — there will be more deputies on patrol, and there will be better communication between the Sheriff's Office and local residents.

At least that's the plan, according to Sheriff Mike Downey, who discussed the 2015 improvements at the last meeting of the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC), which gathered on Dec. 17 to discuss public safety in the unincorporated community.

One of the keys to beefing up

law enforcement is the passage last year of Measure Z, a half-cent sales tax that will be collected countywide beginning April 1. The measure is expected to generate about \$6 million a year.

Although the county won't see any money until June, Downey said his department is already preparing to hire new deputies. The Sheriff's Office now has 14 frozen deputy patrol positions that it hopes to fill.



**Sheriff Mike Downey**

**PATROLS ❖ A2**

# Dissecting Humboldt's record homicide rate

*It would be interesting for science to watch the mental changes of individuals, on the spot.*

— Joseph Conrad,  
*Heart of Darkness*

**Paul Mann**  
MAD RIVER UNION

**HUMBOLDT** — Press accounts of Humboldt County's record 2014 homicide rate have dug into the social and cultural factors thought by law enforcement to be constants in the North Coast's homicide equation.

But the reports in the *Lost Coast Outpost* and the *North Coast Journal* founder, through no fault of their own, on the vexed issue of motive.

In well more than half of last year's 16 homicide cases examined by *LoCo's* Ryan Burns and the *Journal's* Thad Greenon, the motive is either unknown or withheld.

This "known unknown" casts doubt on the canonical explanations — drugs and domestic mayhem — of why the 2014 homicide rate was about twice as high as the county's annual average of 8.5.

Coroners define homicide as a death that "results from a volitional act commit-

## ❖ NEWS ANALYSIS

ted by another person to cause fear, harm, or death." The term does not imply criminality, although crime is often involved.

Motive appears evident in a handful of cases, if not officially confirmed as such. Narcotics and mental illness are believed to be the causes, if not the motives, in the barbaric beating death of St. Bernard's priest Eric Freed.

Self-defense was the ostensible motive in three other instances, two of them officer-involved killings, the third a domestic dispute in Shelter Cove in which a female allegedly killed a male, the lone case of its kind.

Four other homicides resulted in one guilty and one not-guilty plea, a single "no arrest" and one pending arraignment.

But in 12 (75 percent) of 16 homicides no motive is officially documented. They include a fatal trailer park stabbing in Trinidad, an argument in Rancho Sequoia near Alderpoint, decomposed remains found near Garberville and a body found shot dead in Eureka at four in the morning.

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## ❖ LOOKING BACK

# Crime was the hot topic in 2014

**Daniel Mintz**  
MAD RIVER UNION

**HUMBOLDT** — The county's longstanding signature issues — marijuana, land use and economic transition — continued their trajectory throughout 2014.

But crime became particularly relevant, as a convergence of factors seemed to spur more of it. The staffing of the Sheriff's Office was a foremost budget concern for residents who also recognized funding needs for prosecutors, probation services and homelessness reduction.

With tax and fee revenues failing to meet rising expenses, residents supported a self-reliant remedy — they decided to tax themselves.

## The \$6 million solution

Hope for restoration of the county budget evaporated near the start of the year and \$2 million in

spending cuts were said to be needed. A five-year budget projection showed the county running into deficit.

County staff later reported that they were only able to find \$1.4 million to cut and that further reductions would lead to layoffs. At the same time, residents of rural areas were becoming increasingly unnerved by the Sheriff's Office's lack of ability to respond to calls.

Heeding a recommendation from the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee, Supervisor Ryan Sundberg proposed an approach that would become Measure Z, the county's half-cent sales tax increase ballot measure.

The measure's progress lurched at first — the County Administrative Office recommended that the measure be proposed for unincorporated areas only. Its staff told supervisors

that putting the measure to a countywide vote could alienate cities, some of which had their own sales tax initiatives on the ballot.

But shortly before a deadline for advancing the measure, county staff discovered that state law would not allow the county-only approach. Measure Z headed for a countywide vote and skeptics doubted that residents of cities would support it.

Polling showed otherwise and was accurate — the measure was approved.

There is still some suspense, however. Now that the county has an additional \$6 million a year of revenue, various public safety and social services-related departments are highlighting their funding needs.

The county's explanation of Measure Z named expansion of sheriff's deputy patrols in rural areas as

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# Plaza center unfenced for first New Year's Eve since 2010



## Season of Wonder & Light culminates in hugs

**Kevin L. Hoover**  
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA PLAZA – After a near-riot on the Plaza on Halloween, 2011, city officials took to fencing off the center area around the statue of William McKinley for that holiday as well as New Year's Eve. They also deployed virtually all of APD, augmented by officers from other law enforcement agencies and even College of the Redwoods police cadets.

While vandalism, graffiti, statue climbing and other mild mayhem was minimized, citizens didn't like the "Bill in jail" look, nor the legions of cops flooding the zone. Neither did said cops, who, for whatever reason, generally prefer to celebrate the occasion with their own friends and families rather than shivering behind barricades and being called "fascists" who should be ashamed of themselves.

This year, with no announcement, the Plaza was fence-free for the New Year, and police staffing was nominal to negligible. Suddenly, nothing happened.

With students away and temperatures approaching freezing, the celebration was subdued – at least until midnight, when all heck broke loose.

For the most part, celebrants confined their jollity to the bars and music venues, where light, warmth, beverages and friends flowed freely. But even in popular taverns, booths were readily available right into the New Year. In contrast to the previous preference era, the Plaza remained sparsely populated but for a tenacious knot of conga enthusiasts clustered at the northeast bench.

While the new Portland Loo stood ready for duty a block away, at least one girl didn't wish to make the trek. On the advice of a friend, she did her furtive business between some cars on the Plaza.

As midnight approached, things took a serious turn as the mini-multitude of ruly Plazagoers swelled well past a dozen.

Evidently infused with a sense of wild abandon and perhaps disoriented by the

**THE UNION'S HOSPITALITY SUITE** at Hotel Arcata offered a clear view of the Plaza, left, unfenced for New Year's Eve for the first time since 2010. Top middle, Arcata's mighty new loo stood proud and strong at Eighth and F streets, as did a quartet of Arcata Police officers along Tavern Row, top right. Morning light revealed a frosty McKinley, right, the fragile foliage at his feet untrampled by nit-wits as had happened in past years. Lamentably, the lack of a fence may have led some celebrants to assume that "anything goes," as evidenced by the carelessly discarded party utensils seen at right. Arcata Police have no information as to those responsible. PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION

hour, several normally dignified members of the Sunrise Rotary Club of Arcata threw caution to the wind, brazenly laughing, wishing each other a Happy New Year and openly hugging.

As the teeming hordes of New Year revelers burgeoned to as many as 18 (by Det. Sgt. Todd Dokweiler's count), the four APD officers were well outnumbered and easily out-hugged. With just one cop per 4.5 hug-crazed celebrants, the quartet of cops

remained out of danger from unsolicited embraces on the Plaza's north side. Bar closing time was similarly uneventful.

Morning dawned like any other, except colder. Other than a layer of frost, the recently installed foliage at McKinley's base was untouched.

The calculus behind the city's bold gamble to ease Plaza access on the holiday is unclear, as police and city officials were unavailable for comment through Monday.

## Community pulls together for Winter Express

**Cyndi Bainbridge**  
MCKINLEYVILLE LIONS CLUB

MCKINLEYVILLE – Christmas is a time of sharing and giving; who better to give to than children? The 2014 McKinleyville Lions Winter Express event marked the eighth annual three-day event for local schoolchildren.

Winter Express was created to bring the community together on a project that would benefit local children at Christmas time. This year truly showed how our community pulled together to make the event one to remember.

The Winter Express event is divided into four stages. First, each student has an individual photo with Santa. Photos are returned to the school, along with an assortment of Christmas cards to provide the students with an additional gift item. After photos, volunteer shoppers assist indi-

vidual students with shopping for four presents.

The volunteers are there to guide each student, but each gift chosen is the student's decision. Each specially selected gift is then wrapped, tagged and ready to go under the tree at home. Students complete their excursion by having juice and cookies in the refreshment area while they wait for their classmates. The experience of having their photo with Santa and choosing gifts for their loved ones gives them memories that they will cherish for many years to come.

A total of 721 students enjoyed the 2014 Lions Winter Express event. The students were kindergarten through third graders from Dow's Prairie, Morris, Trinidad, Fieldbrook, Orick and Big Lagoon schools. Each school transports their students to the

Winter Express event, some without the use of a school bus.

On the last day of the event, Thursday, Dec. 11, we arrived at the Dow's Prairie Grange at 7 a.m. to find that the power was out. As this situation had never occurred in the seven previous years of this event, we did not have a back up plan. The first group of 77 students from Fieldbrook School was scheduled to arrive at 8:45 a.m. With great disappointment, Fieldbrook was contacted at 8 a.m. to let them know that there was no power and we would probably have to cancel the program. I had no sooner gotten off the phone when long time volunteer, Molly Borja, arrived with a bag of electric tea lights and flashlights.

Randy Wilson, another long time volunteer, said that he had an inverter in his truck and could plug in the Christmas lights that



**ILLUMINATING** Volunteer John Palmquist holds a flashlight while Fieldbrook third grade student Carter Eichin shops for gifts. SUBMITTED PHOTO

were in the hallway. Dale Freret, a Community Emergency Response Team volunteer, came in and stated that he had generators, flood lights and long extension cords.

Ralph Altizer, the husband of a volunteer, came in the door with large electric lanterns. Volunteers began showing up with flashlights and all were prepared to do whatever was needed to make sure that the children enjoyed their Winter Express excursion. Fieldbrook School was contacted again and told to come on down.

Approximately 15 volunteer parent drivers arrived, transporting the Fieldbrook students and their teachers. Photos with Santa were taken with the aid of flood lights on the stage. Volunteers held flashlights so that the students could see the gifts on the tables. Presents were wrapped and tagged, aided by the lanterns and flashlights hanging by curling ribbon.

As parents were not allowed to be in the shopping area while the students were shopping, the 15 parent drivers were guided to the

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# 2014 | Marijuana takes center stage

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a primary goal. But there's competition even within that category.

McKinleyville has been cited as the area most in need of additional deputies, while the most vocal demand has come from Southern Humboldt.

An advisory committee on Measure Z spending is in the process of being formed and the extra revenue will be accessible when the next fiscal year starts on July 1.

**Crime consciousness**

Crime has always been a concern but a variety of controversies over the last year has made it the most talked-about issue in the county.

Realignment – which redirects some felony offenders to county jail and probation systems instead of state prisons and parole – had been blamed for a rise in property crimes in 2013 but the year's shocking start eclipsed it with another jail-related issue.

The brutal New Year's Day murder of Father Eric Freed, the pastor of Eureka's St. Bernard's Church, led to criticism of the Sheriff's Office's late night jail release policies.

Southern Humboldt resident Gary Bull-ock is accused of torturing and murdering Freed. After being brought to county jail on suspicion of being intoxicated, he was re-

leased several hours later, at 12:45 a.m. He allegedly killed Freed several hours later.

A forum in Eureka in February included a panel of local public safety officials who explained the limitations of jail stay lengths for people who are held for intoxication.

The Sheriff's Office would amend some of its release protocols but ultimately, the community has had to accept that there is limited leeway to hold individuals who have been detained for the maximum time allowed under law.

Meanwhile, realignment-related jail overcrowding has become less of an issue due to another development that some find startling – the passage of the Proposition 47 state ballot measure.

The new law reduces felony offenses, including personal use drug offenses and theft of property under \$950 in value, to misdemeanors. It has led to the release of scores of misdemeanor offenders from county jail.

The release of property thieves has been particularly troubling to the community. Board of Supervisors Chair Rex Bohn linked it to increased crime and summed up the situation by stating that police and deputies are dealing with “a crap storm out there.”

The Sheriff's Office's lack of depu-

ties converged with the other issues in a seeming perfect storm of public safety dilemmas.

With crime consciousness running high, Measure Z gained approval with hope that its revenues can lead to improved public safety.

**'The Year of Pot'**

The *Washington Post* has called 2014 “The Year of Pot,” as recreational sales of marijuana began in Colorado and Wash-ington state, four more states approved its medicinal use and Congress voted to stop funding medical marijuana raids.

In Humboldt, there were lesser strides. The year began with an extension of the county's ban on additional medical mari-juana dispensaries. County supervisors said they would allow more dispensaries in a regulated environment but the year ended without regulations in place.

Instead, the county aimed for low-hang-ing fruit – regulating outdoor medical mari-juana grows in small parcel, neighborhood settings. The process got off to a controver-sial start, as a draft ordinance recommend-ed by the Planning Commission banned cultivation on parcels less than a half-acre in size.

The Board of Supervisors scrubbed the contentious provision from the ordinance, along with plant counts. The approved or-dinance allows a 100-foot canopy on par-cels up to an acre and 200-foot canopies for

parcels up to five acres.

2015 will see the county advancing its next phase of regulation, for larger outdoor parcels. But what supervisors are doing seems mundane compared to what the lo-cal arm of a statewide political action com-mittee is cooking up.

Last October, Cannabis Voice Humboldt named 2015 as the year that it will put a more comprehensive cultivation ordinance before voters. The ballot measure propos-al shook up some sensibilities when it was unveiled.

Squarely dealing with the sheer demand for marijuana and its anticipated legaliza-tion, the group's ordinance initially set a 10,000-foot canopy maximum.

Later drafts set parcel-specific size rang-es but environmentalists are still startled at what is perceived to be an excess of permis-siveness in the proposal.

The sense of alarm is based on what has been happening in an unregulated envi-ronment. The impacts of sloppily-managed rural area grows have been widely reported on and there is fear that legalization will in-tensify them.

Though the regulatory scenario is still uncertain, the profile of the substance itself has improved.

Credibility of medical use is rising, state-wide legalization is now considered inevi-table and nationwide opinion is pressuring change at the federal level.

# Homicides | Reasons for spike hard to pin down

❖ **FROM A1**

The reasons the motives are missing are plain and valid. Maggie Fleming, the newly-elected Humboldt County District Attorney, explained in an email: “Un-less the defendant makes clear his/her reason for the homicide at the outset, it is frequently not obvious from the initial facts, but only learned as the investigation proceeds.”

As for why a known mo-tive might not be disclosed by law enforcement, Flem-ing noted the restrictions required by gag orders. She added three other points:

First, “revealing the mo-tive could hinder the in-vestigation and/or influence witnesses who have not been interviewed.”

Second, official news re-leases “that cover details as a case unfolds may not be in the best interest of fairly prosecuting the case.”

Finally, the motive some-times remains either ambig-uous or forever unknown.

Though the reasons for this conspicuous gap are straightforward, its reality makes it harder to explain why Humboldt's homicide rate was so high in 2014. Es-tablishing direct empirical links between a given per-

petrator's motives – which notably may be uncon-scious in part or in whole – and larger societal factors is more complicated than it first appears. The devil is in the proverbial details. Abs-ent motive, interpretations of a doubled homicide rate must derive in part from in-ference and circumstance, albeit sifted from profes-sional experience.

Do we really know why Humboldt's homicide rate shot up? Chronic fluctua-tions in national, regional, urban and rural crime and murder rates often seem un-connected, even incongru-ous, with economic or other social conditions. How much does anyone know about the deepest root causes? Pene-trating the treacherous re-cesses of human volition is a tricky business, often illus-ory. Ask Shakespeare.

Burns consulted Hum-boldt County's leading au-thorities, who have plenty of street smarts – Fleming and the coroner, plus the sheriff and one of his officers, Eu-reka's chief of police and the chief probation officer. Burns also drew on statisti-cal data from the California Department of Justice.

Likewise Greenson, in a shorter dispatch, inter-viewed the coroner and published comprehensive statistical data put together by the coroner's office.

“What do these 16 homi-cides mean?” Burns asked bluntly in his report, char-acterizing the slayings as “a tapestry of violence.”

His sources found these strands woven into it:

- A subculture of violence integral to Humboldt's ram-
- pant and permissive drug culture, which actually con-sists of multiple, interlay-ered drug subcultures. The county is colonized by the drug-cum-criminal culture, which effectively is an oc-cupying power marshaling its own economy and markets, a parasite that paradoxical-ly subsidizes the legitimate economy while eating away at its vitals, like health and the environment. This cor-rupting influence seeps sub rosa into the collective psyche of straight society. Accordingly the “colonial power” is not just present in Humboldt; the county is gripped by it, in a living, breathing intimacy of grow houses, crash pads, furtive transactions and merry-go-round arrests in the courts and prison mills. For drug magnates and their min-ions, murder-for-profit is but a thread in Burns' “tap-estry of violence.”
- Humboldt's rural con-centration of hardcore ad-dicts and the mentally ill who self-medicate. The county is a mecca for both the self-indulgent and the genuine down-and-out. In-eluctably, Humboldt society is infused with the paranoia and the persecution com-plex of the disenfranchised, a dark psychological realm from which drugs are an es-cape and in which crime is a method of acting out.
- A revolving door penal system that results in high rates of recidivism and a long concourse of jinxed inmates who are damaged again and again instead of rehabilitated.
- Arbitrary year-to-year statistical variations. Hum-

boldt's 2014 record may be one of those anomalous spikes rather than the start of a trend.

- Depleted enforcement. The sheriff's office alone has some numerous vacan-cies, a shortfall that may soon be remedied by the re-cent adoption of the coun-ty-wide tax measure.

But can Humboldt's drug industry be deterred more than marginally by tougher enforcement?

The evidence is discour-aging. The nation's “war on drugs” is a fiasco costing taxpayers more than \$15 billion a year at the federal level, a rate of \$500 per sec-ond. The states spend \$25 billion on top of that. The grand total since 1971 is put at one trillion plus. In fact, governments do not know how to stem consumer de-mand on a sustaining basis, hence the war with no end. Drug education programs are a serial pretension.

There are other links in the complex chain of homi-cide causation: personal and family history (including trauma), prior incarceration, slack probation mon-itoring, poor health, genetic predispositions and shallow social and mental health services. But these too are more suggestive than defini-tive about motive.

Interestingly, research-ers and analysts outside Humboldt County agree with local officials about how to interpret homicide factors. But they general-ize, too. A criminal justice analysis based on Florida's Medical Examiner District Eight concluded, “Generally speaking, homicide motives

can be broken down into in-strumental or expressive.” (“I generalize, but life is short,” the late Gore Vidal remarked puckishly.)

Instrumental murders are motivated by gain (money and property). Ex-pressive killings are emo-tionally-based, fueled by anger and sometimes by sheer impulse. Possibly that is what led to the double handgun killing last fall in Fieldbrook; the suspect re-portedly knew his male and female victims.

In recent years, Dr. Da-vid Buss of the University of Texas, Austin, and his team of researchers inter-viewed nearly 400 murder-ers and scanned more than 400,000 FBI murder files. They concluded that most murderers kill someone they know, suggesting that “motives are often emotion-ally fueled or perhaps driv-en by a hefty insurance pol-icy or other financial gain.”

Outside research bol-sters age-old folk wisdom: revenge, greed, drugs and sex fuel murder.

But what about health and mental problems? Dostoyevsky exclaimed in his absorbing novel *Crime and Punishment*, “The per-petration of a crime is ac-companied by illness!”

Not so fast, Buss argues, “Though we may like to think that murderers are either pathological misfits or hardened criminals, the vast majority of murders are committed by people who, until the day they kill, seem perfectly normal.”

Buss collected data on the prevalence of murder fanta-sies in a study with 5,000 respondents. The data were decisive: 91 percent of the

men and 84 percent of the women had entertained “at least one clear fantasy about committing murder.”

Those numbers point to humankind's inexhaust-ible capacity for fancy and transgression, our indeci-pherable dreams and vivid imaginations. As a wit once said, most of the world's pornography takes place in people's heads.

Even if one is skeptical that academics can esti-mate percentages of what goes on in our heads, poets, novelists and philosophers have intuited criminal psy-chology for centuries.

“What we need to know,” Plato wrote half a millen-nium before Christ, “is that there is in everyone a terrible, untamed and lawless class of desires – even in those of us who appear to be completely normal. This becomes quite clear in our sleep.”


The Old Testament ful-minates, “The human heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?”

Less harshly, Freud de-duced, “The normal per-son has yet to be found and when found, cured.”

As for Humboldt's co-lonialist drug culture and its inducements to mur-der, crime and wanton en-vironmental vandalism, Bill Damiano, the county's chief probation officer, told Burns, “the activities in the wilds, in the dark [and] in secret make that kind of stuff likely to happen.”

Joseph Conrad thought he knew why and said so in *Heart of Darkness*: “The mind of man is capable of anything – because every-thing is in it, all the past as well as all the future.”

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Gladiator wields sword in dispute

• **Monday, December 15, 1:24 a.m.** Russell Albers was enjoying himself at a Trinidad casino when he noticed that another man appeared to be talking to his girlfriend. This was unacceptable, so Albers confronted the man and got into a physical altercation. Casino security asked both men to leave



JACK DURHAM  
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SHERIFF'S LOG

**18 1:45 a.m.** Joel Newland was cruising around at night on a bicycle without any lights. There was no red reflector, nor orange reflectors on the pedals. The stealth cyclist was spotted by a deputy and pulled over near Central Avenue and Heartwood Drive. The deputy discovered that Newland had a warrant out for his arrest, so he was detained and booked into the county jail.

• **Friday, December 19 4:41 p.m.** There was a "major disturbance" at a home on Wagle Lane in Fieldbrook. Deputies arrived and found a mentally disturbed woman who was visiting a relative's house. She was taken to Semper Virens for a mental health evaluation.

• **Saturday, December 20 9:28 p.m.** Deputies responded to Anderson Avenue in McKinleyville, where there was some sort of disturbance involving Nathan Ruptak and guns being fired. A be-on-the-lookout (BOLO) notice was issued for a vehicle. Two nights later, deputies would encounter both the vehicle and Ruptak.

• **Sunday, December 21 11:34 a.m.** A thief smashed a vehicle's window and stole stuff in the 1900 block of Central Avenue, McKinleyville.

• **Monday, December 22 11:51 a.m.** A report was taken in the 4000 block of Central Avenue in McKinleyville to document that a dog had bitten someone.

**8:49 p.m.** Deputies spotted the vehicle connected to Saturday's Anderson Avenue incident on Central Avenue and made a traffic stop. Inside the vehicle sat Nathan Ruptak, who is on probation with a clause that allows him to be searched. Deputies found several pounds of marijuana and hashish, all nicely packaged. Ruptak was arrested on suspicion of selling pot and hash, possession of cannabis, possession of marijuana for sale and violating probation. He was booked into the county jail.

• **Tuesday, December 16 1:27 p.m.** O goody! A package arrived at a house on Winchester Avenue in McKinleyville. An early Christmas present? But from whom? The address on the mailing label was the same as the return address. The resident opened the package and found an eight-ounce vacuum-sealed baggie full of marijuana. Not amused, the ingrate called the Sheriff's Office and asked them to take the wacky weed away, for proper disposal, of course.

• **Thursday, December**

## Micro-mysteries for the ages, with obligatory yelling

• **Monday, December 22 1:04 a.m.** The donut shop's seductive fragrances had no discernible calming effect on the avid anger-espouser out front, who both yelled at and tried to pick fights with all who passed by.

**1:07 a.m.** Denied her car keys, a woman who had been drinking threatened to throw herself bodily off the Giuntoli Lane freeway overpass, but either thought better of the idea or just forgot to put it on her to-do list.

**4:47 a.m.** Bleeding and throwing dishes around at 4 a.m., a drunken Beverly Drive roommate was arrested.

**8:53 a.m.** When a man at 14th and G streets threatened gas station customers with a brick, a motorist produced a brick-trumping baseball bat from his car, silencing the masonry menace.

**10:32 a.m.** A man curled up for a snooze on the couch at a Westwood Center coffee shop, refusing entreaties to either buy something, leave or otherwise behave as a reasonable person. In a concession to gentility, he did request that a glass of water be brought to the nap site, but instead handcuffs were delivered and installed.

**3:42 p.m.** A being in a raincoat broke two locks off the gate at a South G Street scrap and salvage yard, gathered some stuff up, put its own lock on the gate but left a key in it, then drove away.

**5:22 p.m.** A generator and chainsaw were stolen from a Greenbriar Lane garage.

**5:42 p.m.** Three girls stole a green flannel shirt from a Plaza knit goods shop.

**11:08 p.m.** A man who had shat his pants used the men's room of a stylish Plaza restaurant as a laundromat. Found pantsless with his poopy trousers in the sink, he was moved along.

**11:31 p.m.** Perhaps the two 24 packs he made off with from an Alliance Road mini-mart will wash away the stain on a beer thief's soul.

• **Tuesday, December 23 11 a.m.** A large, gray cat on G Street is man-

ifesting aggression issues. A woman reported that the bully feline roved across the street to attack her cat's shoulder blade region.

**11 a.m.** Three guys living in a vehicle out west 10th Street charmed area folk with their wacky misadventures, adorably harassing employees, winningly stumbling around whacked out on some unknown substance and – cute overload – crapping next to a fence.

**11:20 a.m.** Buttermilk Lane weirdness was supplied by two people lurking in parked vehicles. One was a gray minivan with a guy in it next to a house. Across the street was a woman in a tan SUV. Both just sitting... and waiting.

**2:24 p.m.** A man said that after doing work overseas for someone he called a "client," the only way he could get his pay wired to him was to scan all his bank information, passport and home address and then e-mail the images to the client. This he dutifully did, only to be notified that the personal information had been stolen.

**3:48 p.m.** Every night between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m., a bear raids Mack Road trash receptacles for garbage bags. It drags them into someone else's yard and savors the contents, making a mess which the resident has to clean up.

• **Christmas Eve 3:22 a.m.** A purse left on the roof of a car at a Valley West motel around 7 p.m. was a juicy roofscore for a passing opportunist. Lost was a wallet, cell phone, car keys, flash drive and more.

**8:59 a.m.** A Boston Bayrunner boat with a 90 horsepower Honda engine was stolen from an Old Arcata Road barn. The door was broken, and a truck would have been needed to move the boat.

**12:35 p.m.** A man trying to return a used piece of techo-junk without package or receipt at a failing Valley West electronics chainstore further accelerated its downward spiral by yelling at the poor employees.

**1:40 p.m.** A man arrived at a downtown donut shop on a white bicycle, parked it outside, came in and announced that he had stolen the bike to get there.

**1:47 p.m.** A vehicle sprayed gravel at an O Street business's windows and broke six of them in what may have been intentional vandalism.

**4:08 p.m.** An Alliance Road home was burgled of jewelry, tools and bikes.

• **Christmas Day 11:31 a.m.** A man checking out of a Valley West motel was with two possible underage "young adults." He yelled at them, and they said they didn't know him very well.

**6:01 p.m.** A caller said he and a friend had been struck by a vehicle with handicapped plates at Seventh and H streets, and the friend's arm was hurt. The call was disconnected, and an attempt at calling back was fruitless.

• **Friday, December 26 8:07 a.m.** A woman said satellite photos prove that people are looking in her house. She had more proof that her vehicle accident was intentional, because the other car had been seen in the area.

**9:07 p.m.** Given the sheer volume of bodily emissions a man has deposited in its entranceway before, a business became concerned about the guy lingering out front again. He and any on-board wastes were moved along.

**10:09 p.m.** A goateed man came to the door of a Shirley Boulevard home saying he had a flat bicycle tire and asking for a flashlight. The resident loaned him a lantern, but when he looked outside, he didn't see anyone fixing any bike tires. He then called police with suspicions that the guy may have used the lantern to case the area for burglaries. As the resident was on the phone with police, the man came to the door to return the lantern.

**11:23 p.m.** A man whose signature style flourish is a white bathrobe worn over his other habiliments really didn't want to leave the bargain-rich aisles of a Uniontown variety store, but at the end of the day, had to.

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# OPINION

## The irrepressible Gimpy Gratwicke, our Mary Wilbur

**Ted Pease**  
**SPECIAL TO THE UNION**

I don't usually speak from a script, but in the interests of running on time, I have written this down. I'm a college professor — I see that some of you are surprised that I have a job — and college professors are programmed to talk for 50 minutes straight without breathing. So I thought it best to read rather than blather off the cuff.

I was thinking this morning that it is appropriate to be remembering Mary here at the Trinidad Town Hall, because I first spoke to her in what I guess was a political context. Like everyone, I had seen Mary on her walks around town — a tiny, birdlike figure with — then — a large black poodle. For quite a long time I waved at her on the street, but she never responded, just glared and marched along. Only later did I realize that she wasn't unfriendly — her eyesight was so bad that she never saw me wave.

But when I first spoke to her, I was close enough — and big enough — that she couldn't miss me. It was in the Post Office, and she was reading the posted agenda for the next Trinidad City Council meeting, and muttering to herself. It had been a time of some upheaval in local politics — let's just leave it at that — and something like three City Council members had announced they were stepping down.

Mary was so short that she had to crane her neck to read the agenda on the bulletin board, and I heard her snort as she read about the call for candidates.

I said to her, "You should run for mayor."

She started and peered up at me. "Whaaat?"

"You should be mayor," I said again, pointing at the agenda.

She snorted and scurried out of the post office like I'd said something rude.

Later, Donna Lin told me Mary had asked her, in some agitation, who that strange big man is. "Do you know what he said to me!?" she told Donna. "He said I should be mayor!" Donna said she was quite offended.

But I had seen the letters to the editor in the *McKinleyville Press* from a Mary Wilbur from Trinidad. They were always a good read, and the writer always had — ahem — let's call them strong opinions on local and national issues, and she wasn't shy about sharing them.

I still think Mayor Mary was a good idea.

We eventually became friends over dogs, first Sheba and then Quince. Brenda and I were vacation Trinidadians, renting and house-sitting until we bought our house 10 years ago, commuting from our teaching jobs in Utah for summers and every holiday break.

I'm a journalist and have taught journalism at Utah State for 20 years, so when Mary and I — and Quince and our chocolate lab, Sadie — started running into each other on the state beach every morning at 7, we found we had plenty to talk about.

Over years, whenever I was in town, we had a regular morning date to walk the beach. It was an odd-looking foursome — Mary was about half my size, and Sadie is about six Quinces, although Quince is twice as fierce.

We talked about politics, about



THAT'S OUR MARY Mary Wilbur. SUBMITTED PHOTO

writing, about world events, about family. Rush Limbaugh. Stephen Colbert. Barack Obama. Dubya. Neighbors. Local politics. Gardening. The weather. Family. Dogs. Maine. And about writing.

I was flattered when Mary asked me to collaborate with her on a piece on what she called "seastack gardens" for *Pacific Horticulture* magazine. I had a 90-year-old co-author! I took the photos but declined to edit her prose, and we did another on the Humboldt Botanical Gardens. I've been a professional writer and editor for more than 30 years, but I may be proudest of those two publications.

She also asked me to read her autobiography, but I couldn't. Once it came out, I'm sure she was glad I hadn't, because I told her I thought she had sold an amazing life short, and that I would have asked for much more detail and about three times the length. Mary's book, like Mary herself, was much too short.

We exchanged emails regularly when I was not in town. They —

like the woman who wrote them — were usually short, funny, unsentimental and to-the-point. She'd send news about Quince news and the town, rants about the political scene, corrections on my misspelling of plant names — in Latin! — and excitement about her new iMac computer (at age 93).

Some of her emails would be impolitic to quote here, but I did find an exchange after she broke her hip. She was deeply annoyed by her doctors and the physical therapists who kept interrupting her reading. As long as she had to be "incarcerated," as she put it, at least she ought to be able to get some reading done.

In early April, from rehab, she emailed the news that she had not been selected for the St. Joseph rehab volleyball team, but that they bothered her with other exercises all the time — "climbing stairs, walking around the patio, balancing and gyrating like a hula hoop, there is barely time to eat." And she signed it "Gimpy Gratwicke."

Mary was one of my heroes and

I'm proud to have been her friend. Like Quince, she was tiny but fierce, and had a great big heart.

When my mother died in April, Mary emailed me this:

"Ted — I'm sorry for you and your father but glad that your mother's leaving was not prolonged. That's the best one can hope for since death is an event one can't avoid. See you on the beach before long. Mary"

We never did get back to the beach as Mary started failing, and took her own advice on the speed of her leaving. But she's still walking her town in spirit, and it's hard not to think that I see her on the beach or in the park or toddling down past the Memorial. Or when I think I glimpse a small figure with a cap of white hair down toward Grandmother Rock.

She ended her too-short book, *Bits and Pieces of My Life*, this way:

"When Quince and I walk along the beach or through the park, I occasionally get an overwhelming feeling of happiness that suffuses my whole body, and then it goes away and refuses to be called back...

"So I potter along — gardening, cooking and walking the dog with time off for reading and writing — and, of course, meeting with my friends.

"I am now in my 93rd year and will presumably soon know what it's all about.

"I feel both scared and excited."

That's our Mary.

*Ted Pease delivered this address at the Celebration of Life for Mary Wilbur on Dec. 27 at Trinidad Town Hall.*

## Community | Volunteers to the rescue

❖ **FROM A3**

refreshment area where, in previous years, coffee and snacks were available to them while they waited.

When apologies were made to the parents, one parent stood up and stated that the lack of goodies did not matter to them.

What mattered to all of them was that we did what had to be done to make sure the children were able to attend an event that they had been looking forward to for months.

Power was restored around 10 a.m. and the other 200 students scheduled for that day were able to participate.

After the event, Fieldbrook Kindergarten teacher Kim Sundberg emailed, stating that her students, who went first that morning, could not stop talking about their "Christmas party in the dark."

The McKinleyville Lions Club is eight members strong and realizes that this program would not be

possible without the generous support received from the many volunteers and the community as a whole.

The experience of persevering through a power outage truly has shown how much we can accomplish by working together.

We would like to thank the individuals, businesses and organizations that helped make the 2014 McKinleyville Lions Winter Express an event that will be remembered for many years to come.

The Winter Express program takes a year round commitment from a seven member committee to collect and organize approximately 3,500 gift items appropriate for school-aged children to choose for their loved ones.

For more information, please call the McKinleyville Lions Club at (707) 839-3768.

**10 years ago**  
**Guinness World Records asked to recognize local chicken's egg** A Rhode Island Red was hatched on Feb. 27, 2003 — the day that Fred Rogers of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood died. In his honor, the chicken was named Lady Elaine Fairchild, a puppet on the show... Then came the egg... The little brown egg is 1 1/8 inch long with a 1-inch girth...  
— *McKinleyville Press*, Jan. 11, 2005

**Hunt Barn blowout** Recent weather has compounded the damage of time and illegal campers, blowing in the barn's south-facing wall. And an early-morning October fire took out the northwest corner before the Arcata Volunteer Fire Department was able to get an engine out to the isolated spot at the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary... For now, the Hunt Barn is being left to the wind and fate....  
— *Arcata Eye*, Jan. 4, 2005

to flood losses, one thing us [sic] sure — losses will run into the billions of dollars. The editor of the *Arcata Union* this week questioned county officials and refugees in an attempt to ascertain just how much damage had been reported in the various communities...  
— *Arcata Union*, Jan. 8, 1965

**100 years ago**  
**Local Items** The condition of little George Wells, who lost his leg in a gunshot accident some days ago, remains about the same. The wound does not heal as fast as Dr. Mills would desire, but it is hoped that another amputation may be avoided.

A.N. Hunt came in from his Blocksburg ranch on Thursday and brought in a band of sheep and several head of cattle which were disposed of to Ed Hicks, the Indianola butcher... Mr. Hicks has a license to sell his goods in Arcata and the wagon calls in town regularly in charge of Joe Nellist.

**Notice to the Public.** Notice is hereby given that all trespassing on the Chevret Ranch, west of Arcata, under lease by the undersigned, must cease. A word to the wise is sufficient, if not other means will be resorted to.

Dated Dec. 25th, 1904  
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Jas. H. Blake has been putting in new telephone instruments. John Pohler, Oliver Brown and Dr. Fountain have been supplied with the phones.  
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# OPINION

## The fields are green

Supposedly we get wiser as we age, not just individuals but the world as a whole. Where is the proof now that the population is out of control and destruction of Gaia is on the rise? Nature makes changes too but they turn out to be retaliation or a positive start for a new beginning. Just reading the other day that by the year 2020 there will be a loss of two of our most favorites, coffee and cocoa, because of weather changes and destruction of land use. We'll see.

The *Smithsonian* magazine for January, 2015, has a cover story about the disappearance of Amelia Earhart which is a must-read which raises more questions. In the centerfold is the most beautiful trek into the forgotten world of Charles Darwin by Tony Perrottet, as he met with the great-great-grandson of Darwin, named Chris, and the adventure begins with total immersion in Australian nature. How many times can you read a story? Read it, you'll see!

The after-Christmas Farmers' Market was down to about half the vendors and the same with the seekers for local produce, but we survived. Sunday, there was music coming again finally from the E Street Farm House and the Magic Marsh was great with the winter weather being such cool walking for the day. The burned-out area is really doing great with some of the trees actually sprouting up high and the others coming from the roots, and the fields are green.



Bayview Industrial Center has someone new moving in, as there are piles of boxes and goods in one of the sections near the front, where the Discount Carpet used to be. No name or other info, so time will tell. Bovine crowd mixed with geese were also enjoying the nice sunshine/breeze/blue skies. Deco Dog out walking with her friend so I'll be back. Figas had several trucks parked out front but no activity and the water level is back up in the pond but no fish as yet.

Do you think that chopping down old, beautiful pine trees is gonna' make the pizza taste better? Can't believe the world today; one of the houses adjacent are already in full view with no buffer and in talking to another neighbor, there is more to come with Caltrans also involved as they call it a traffic hazard. This is the old digs of Porter Street BBQ, soon to be a pizza palace on Samoa Boulevard. Next will be the coffee trees and all the grass and more, going into the sunset. Is this Arcata?

Stopped by CVS to get some sale items and happened in at the time of the bomb threat so there were only two of us as customers and the rest were employees. A coffee break sans coffee, in the parking lot with great weather overhead. Lasted about 15 minutes and the cops came out and said "all clear." Interesting experience for the day and then over to Angels of Hope Thrift Store to find something (?) and they were busy as it was discount day again.

Monday was a Humboldt winter day as the sun would shine for a few minutes and the clouds would travel in with the breeze and then it would rain for a time, but never enough to get really soaked. The Bottom is still afloat everywhere as when the ice melts it becomes water, as you know. All critters were smiling, playing and running to the fence for playtime. Cats flying out from under the house, bored as the kids were away all week so here I am amidst a cat clan of about 10 and running out of food fast.

On the way back to da city there was a flock of 18 egrets in the field on Vassaide Road almost like a ground rookery as there were foraging in the mud.

With this cold weather, be sure and cover your outside water valves with some plastic foam, which I'm sure you have some left over from presents, just tape it or tie it on the faucet. Windshields can be cleared real fast with rubbing alcohol sprayed on and a paper towel. Toss come old boxes or clothes on the roots of plants that can't stand the cold like non-natives or seedlings. Lotsa mulch will help if you have it and old used tarps too.

*Bev says now is the time to remember all the good happenings of last year and bring those good thoughts into the new year that will hopefully be an awakening for those with their heads stuck in the mud. We have so many here that are heading in the right direction and at the same time many that must rule, their way.*

An illustration of a brown rooster standing next to a nest of yellow eggs. The word "Eggs" is written in green above the rooster. Below the eggs is a green circle with the number "3" and the word "doz" next to it.

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### The missing Mck

The year that was saw the *Mad River Union* covering various issues. Your Year in Headlines story shows: Arcata 20 stories, Arcata/McKinleyville two stories, and McKinleyville three stories.

McKinleyville, with a population of over 15,000, had headlines of a new fire station, organic hay and a blazing vehicle.

For the record, other note worthy McKinleyville 2014 news events include: 1. that all grade school children this year have a chance to learn Spanish... a noteworthy program possibly in the whole state, 2. a new federal courthouse should be open shortly, 3. several new business will be built in 2015 and lastly 4. Central Avenue, the busiest street in Humboldt County, will get a makeover to make it safer for vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists.

In 2015 it is my hope The Year in Headlines stories would reflect the exciting changes going on in our Macktown instead of organic hay and a blazing vehicle!

Sincerely,  
**Carol Newman McKinleyville**

### Shelter awareness

Last evening, I was walking around downtown Arcata picking up trash from the sidewalks and streets when I saw a sign on the corner of Ninth and F Streets that said "Extreme Weather Shelter Tonight!"

It was, indeed, very cold out. There had been frosts the previous three nights and the weather report on television was predicting extremely cold temperatures for the following several days.

I walked over to the Plaza to tell some of the homeless people there that a shelter was open for the evening. I approached a group of men. The man I spoke with told me that he had seen the sign but that there was no information to go with it, such as: 'Where was he supposed to go?' 'What was the address of the shelter?' and 'How could he get there?' I didn't know the answers to any of these

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questions.

The man told me that he heard from some other homeless people that there was a very small window of time that anyone would be allowed into the shelter and that the window of time had passed, though he didn't know when that window of time was. He and his friends were very anxious to find shelter for the evening but the sign hadn't given them the information they needed.

Even though I have lived in Arcata for more than 12 years, I didn't know that information off the top of my head, either.

Considering that lives are at stake, I am making the following suggestions:

1. Have a shelter open every night that the temperature is predicted to be lower than 55 degrees. Many people do not have proper bedding, access to a legal place to sleep, access to dry clothing, or any way to dry wet clothing or bedding. The very least that we, as a community, can do is to provide legal, safe, dry and warm shelter.
2. Put "Extreme Weather Shelter" signs in multiple locations, namely where homeless people tend to congregate, such as in the center of the Plaza, by the entrances to the Arcata Community Forest by the Marsh and by the Uniontown Plaza.
3. Include the full information on the sign that an uninformed person would need to know, in order to actually access the shelter.
4. Widen the small time window for accessing the shelter to at least seven hours long, say from 5 p.m. until midnight. We should worry less about "what the neighbors might say" and more about saving lives and treating our homeless neighbors humanely.
5. Do actual, physical outreach to the homeless. Have a van that patrols the town on cold nights (below 55 degrees) and offers rides to any homeless person who wants to get to the shelter.

If there are no staff to drive the van, then ask for volunteers. I recently went to a public forum in Eureka to

discuss how shelter can be provided for the homeless. There were about 300 attendees and many of them were from Arcata. I'm sure you could find volunteers. If you cannot, then I personally volunteer to drive the van every evening from 5 p.m. until midnight.

Again, lives are at stake. We, as a community, have a responsibility to make sure that none of us dies from neglect – and we are, by and large, neglecting the homeless.

For however much we as individuals or as non-profit organizations or as elected officials or as local government entities are doing, we are clearly not doing enough. Yes, working with the homeless population is a challenge, but it is our moral and legal obligation to fully meet that challenge. Let's get to work.

**Fhyre Phoenix Arcata**

### No sweat equity

In regards to the sense of entitlement to taking over sections of our Community Forest for their exclusive use that high-speed downhill mountain bikers appear to have, the inapplicable concept of "sweat equity" for volunteer trail work has been inappropriately raised in multiple forums, including a recent letter to the *Union*.

After first hearing this earlier in 2014 from a biker who had done some trail work, I asked several city officials involved with the Community Forest and trail building whether there was any merit to this argument.

The short answer was always "No." Another direct quote is: "That is not how the city operates."

So let's please be clear: All that the volunteer trail builders get for their efforts is the same as what any other volunteer gets for any other effort – the value of the experience, and the appreciation of other participants and the beneficiaries of the efforts.

There is no such thing as "sweat equity" with our Community Forest.

With thanks to the many volunteer Trail Stewards,

**Bruce LeBel Arcata**

## An all-woman council chooses realism

Congratulations to the new, all-female Eureka City Council on voting at its first meeting to move forward on a plan to help people living outside into some kind of home. Three of the members were holdovers from the previous council, so we can assume the measure probably would have passed even if their former male colleagues had been reelected, but a unanimous vote sends a strong message that these five women are determined to tackle this seemingly impossible task head on. The new general policy at the City of Eureka is that the biggest problem

homeless people face is not having a place to live, and the first step in helping them is to help find a way to get them out of the bushes.

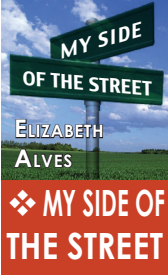
The local shelters do a great job of providing a roof, hot food and clean clothes for some of the homeless population, and the severe weather shelters bring more inside when the weather is potentially fatal.

But a large portion of those who have been living outside for a long time are not welcome in shelters, because in order to function, the shelters have to have rules. Guests must be sober, not impaired by illicit drugs, arrive by a certain time, remain quietly in a specific space all night and not bother other guests.

There are a lot of people who can't meet any of those rules, much less all of them. Their physical and mental challenges put a shelter bed out of reach. But there is another big challenge, and one which the council's action seeks to fix.

Laws and ordinances which make it illegal to sleep in public, on public or private property boil down to telling

people with no alternative they don't deserve to live. Any of us might begin to have mental problems if we were literally told we don't have the right to breathe. Immediate rehoming, in legal campsites or tiny structures, is the crucial first step on a long road toward a stable life.



Few of us are well enough off to make homelessness impossible. People lose jobs all the time, often through no fault of their own. A few missed mortgage payments, overdue utility payments and no money coming in can prove catastrophic in just weeks.

Good rental housing is hard to come by, and it's expensive. Just moving in usually costs at least two months rent and a large security deposit – far out of the reach of someone with no income. In the old days, families with a spare room often took in a lodger, but for a variety of reasons, that is no longer common.

The assistance facility for homeless people in Eureka, which took years and millions of dollars to build, was converted to serve families only, primarily because that's the population for which grant funds are more easily available. Imagine what it would be like to be told you don't matter because you are single and without dependents. It's no way to boost self esteem.

A certain number of people who haven't lived inside for years do not dream of a warm, tidy room with a kitchenette, sheets and blankets. They'd be thrilled to have a reasonably safe place to camp – a place where they weren't breaking the law by just being alive. Such camps require a degree of supervision, but several cities, including Seattle, Portland and even

Fresno, which is no hotbed of liberalism, have found ways to partner with private groups which help residents organize and enforce their own rules.

The next step is indoors, to a tiny home with walls, doors and windows. The structures generally have electricity and water, but residents share a common kitchen and community room. They have an address, which makes it possible to get an ID.

A photo ID is more precious than gold, because hardly any help is available without one. A lost or stolen ID can easily be the beginning of a cascade which begins with barely getting by and ends in a camp in the bushes. If a housed person's wallet is stolen, it's a big inconvenience, but for someone with no access to documents such as a birth certificate, it's a nightmare that never ends.

Even a sturdy and secure locker to protect valuables is priceless to someone with no security and few valuables. Many businesses won't allow customers to bring in backpacks or other large personal property, so people with no place to leave them are effectively excluded. There are reasons for that, but providing an alternate would be a huge service.

Suppose you were randomly selected by some mysterious means to be separated from your home, your friends and family, your income and even your photo ID. How would you cope? The Eureka City Council is choosing to treat people who have been outside the system for years the way you would want to be treated.

*Elizabeth Alves notes about 75 percent of homeless persons in Humboldt grew up here. Comments and suggestions are welcome care of the Union or to mysidestreet@gmail.com.*





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## CARS & COLLECTIBLES



**BLAST TO THE PAST** Dennis Maloney among his vintage bibelots in the front room of Auto Body Express, on the corner of Fifth and I streets in Arcata. When entering the front of the building through the wide roll-up doors, you see the EASY “Spray and Bake” OVEN, where auto body parts are heated after painting. Scanning the room, above the oven doors and in each corner, you can see a collection of items that include old bikes (right), a traffic signal light, a pinball machine (left), an old Mohawk gasoline pump, a 1964 Beatles concert poster, a vintage Triumph motorcycle and an old Coca-Cola machine. Maloney bought some of the items at yard sales and some were given to him by customers. He even traded body work in exchange for an old child’s toy car. Maloney says said he collects things because body work is a dirty business and these collectibles create an interesting sight for customers while they wait.

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## Van D under the sea

ARCATA — Van Duzer Theater will be transformed into an underwater world when Humboldt Light Opera Company’s KidCo brings life to the classic tale of *The Little Mermaid* Friday, Jan. 9 through Sunday, Jan. 11.

Young mermaid Ariel (Clare Endert) dreams of life above the sea — a world which suddenly intrudes when she saves a prince (Jacob Smith) who has been thrown overboard in a storm. The mer-King (Dyllan Ortiz) is determined to keep his daughter safe beneath the waves, but Ariel makes a dangerous promise to a sea witch (Rachel Post) in exchange for a chance to meet the prince again, on feet instead of fin.

Accompanying Ariel on her journey to become human are Sebastian (James Zwiker), Scuttle (Allie Sanchez) and Flounder (Tabitha Born), plus the troublesome duo of Flotsam and Jetsam (Allison Lund and Isabella Loch). The prince’s staff (Milo Mateer, Ty Vizenor and Naomi Sokolow) and Ariel’s mermaid sisters (Kayla Kossow, Emma Radley, Mia Pambianco, Island Hunt, Hannah Davis and Mia Gonzales) join an ensemble of 26 singing creatures age 4 to 16, to bring the underwater magic to life.

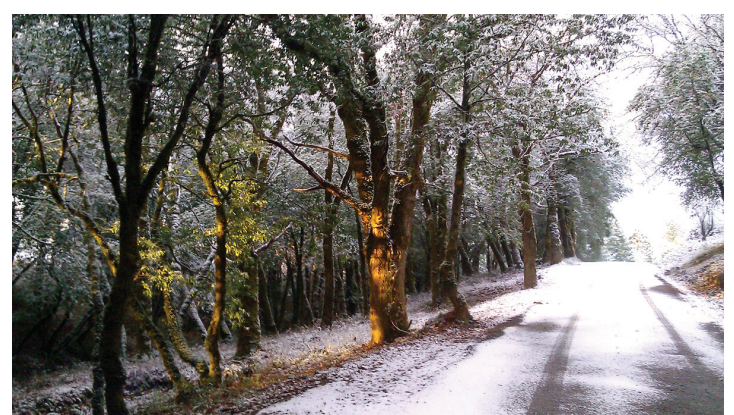
Adapted from the 2008 Disney musical, *The Little Mermaid* features the hit songs “Part of Your World,” “She’s in Love,” and “Under the Sea.”

*The Little Mermaid* is directed by Sarah Mullen, with musical direction by Amy Chalfant and Carrie O’Neill. The production crew includes Peter Johnson, Rachel Cogliati, Jayson Mohatt, Faith Platt, Carol Ryder and Olivia McGahan.

Performances will be at the kid-friendly time of 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 9 and Saturday, Jan. 10 with 1:30



**DARLIN’ IT’S BETTER DOWN WHERE IT’S WETTER** Prince Erik (Jacob Smith) and Ariel (Claire Endert). PHOTO COURTESY HLOC KidCo p.m. performances on Saturday, Jan. 10 and Sunday, Jan. 11. The show runs for one hour and fifteen minutes. General seating tickets may be purchased online at [hloc.org](http://hloc.org), at the Holly Yashi Retail Store, Parasol Arts and at the door. [hloc.org](http://hloc.org)



**BEGINNINGS AT BRICELAND** Photograph by Rabia O’Loren.

## Arts! Arcata under the trees

ARCATA — Stokes, Hamer, Kaufman & Kirk, LLP continues to feature local artists and musicians at Arts! Arcata, this Friday, Jan. 9 from 6 to 9 p.m.



Howdy Emerson

Located at 381 Bayside Rd., Arcata, near Union Street where Seventh Street becomes Bayside Road heading toward Sunny Brae, this is a wonderful venue for art, with plenty of parking and surrounded by the forest.

This month’s featured artists are Rabia O’Loren, who will be showing photographs, and monotype print-

maker Mary Harper. Howdy Emerson will be playing Celtic harp music.

In addition, this month’s wine pour benefits the American Cancer Society—Relay for Life Team No. 169.

For more information, contact Chris Hamer at (707) 822-1771.

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**OVER CAFFEINATED CAT** Westhaven Center for the Arts, 501 S. Westhaven Dr. in Westhaven, presents an opening reception for artist Antoinette “Toni” Magyar on Sunday, Jan. 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. The show will include paintings, sculpture, recycled jewelry and the wedding gown Magyar made for her daughter last year. There will also be sign-ups for Magyar’s demonstration and lecture which will take place on Saturday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m.



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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

❖ **MUSIC**  
**Aber Miller** 6 p.m., Larrupin’ Café, 1658 Patrick’s Point Dr., Trinidad  
**Blues Jam** 8:30 p.m., Clam Beach Inn Digger Bar, 4611 Central Ave., McKinleyville  
**Whomp Whomp Wednesday** 9:30 p.m., The Jambalaya, 915 H St., Arcata  
**Rude Lion Sound** 10 p.m., Toby & Jack’s, 764 Ninth St., Arcata

❖ **DANCE**  
**Salsa Night** 9 p.m., Robert Goodman Wines, 937 I St., Arcata

❖ **FILM**  
**Sci Fi Pint and Pizza Night** 9 p.m., Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata • *Featuring Idaho Transfer (1973).*

❖ **OTHER**  
**Pints for Non-Profits** all day, Mad River Brewing Co., 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake • *\$1 from each pint sold benefits Samoa Drag Strip.*  
**Storytime** 1 p.m., McKinleyville Library, 1606 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville • *A reading by Liz Cappiello for kids and their parents.*  
**Science on Tap** 7 p.m., Blondies Food and Drink, 420 E. California Ave., Arcata • *Come drink beer and hear a local professor speak.*  
**Cards Against Humanity** 8 p.m., Logger Bar, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

❖ **MUSIC**  
**Blake Ritter** 6 p.m., Mad River Brewing Co., 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake • *Fiddle tunes.*  
**Open Mic** 7 p.m., Blondies Food and Drink, 420 E. California Ave., Arcata  
**Claire Bent** 7 p.m., Libation, 761 Eighth St., Arcata  
**Buddy Reed** 8 p.m., Redwood Curtain Brewery, 550 South G St., Arcata  
**Open Mic with Jimi Jeff** 8 p.m., Central Station, 1631 Central Ave., McKinleyville  
**Karaoke with KJ Leonard** 8 p.m., WAVE Lounge at Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake  
**Dogbone** 9 p.m., Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville  
**Kindred Spirits** 9 p.m., Clam Beach Inn Digger Bar, 4611 Central Ave., McKinleyville  
**Roots and Culture Night** 9 p.m., Robert Goodman Winery, 937 I St., Arcata  
**Karaoke with DJ Marv** 9 p.m., Central Station, 1631 Central Ave., McKinleyville  
**Rude Lion Sound** 9:30 p.m., Sidelines, 732 Ninth St., Arcata

❖ **DANCE**  
**Blues Night** 8 p.m., Redwood Raks, 824 L St., Arcata

❖ **FILM**  
**Ocean Night** 7 p.m., Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata • *Featuring a spectacular night of surf films. Admission is \$3 donation, and free for North-coast Environmental Center, Humboldt Surfrider and Humboldt Baykeeper members. All ages.*  
**Trivia Night** 8 p.m., Logger Bar, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

❖ **MUSIC**  
**Blue Lotus Jazz** 5:30 p.m., Larrupin’ Café, 1658 Patrick’s Point Dr., Trinidad

**Wild Otis** 6 p.m., Mad River Brewing Co., 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake • *Rock and roll will free your soul.*  
**Open Mic** 7 p.m., Northtown Coffee, 1603 G St., Arcata  
**Friday Night Music** 7 to 9:30 p.m., Fieldbrook General Store, 4636 Fieldbrook Rd., Fieldbrook  
**An Absolutely Weill Evening** 7:30 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., Arcata • *Music by German composer Kurt Weill featuring an ensemble of musicians including Jenny Scheinman.*  
**Naive Melodies** 9 p.m., Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake • *Talking Heads cover band.*  
**Paula Jones and the RLA Trio** 9 p.m. Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville  
**Uptown Kings** 9 p.m. Firewater Lounge at Cher-Ae Heights Casino, 27 Scenic Drive, Trinidad • *Blues.*  
**Karaoke** 9 p.m., Central Station, 1631 Central Ave., McKinleyville  
**Rude Lion Sound** 9:30 p.m., Toby & Jack’s, 764 Ninth St., Arcata  
**Kindred Spirits** 10 p.m., Clam Beach Inn, 4611 Central Ave., McKinleyville • *Original gypsygrass.*  
**DJs** 10 p.m., Sidelines, 732 Ninth St., Arcata

❖ **ART**  
**Arts! Arcata** 6 to 9 p.m., Various locations, Arcata

❖ **DANCE**  
**World Dance Party** 8 to 11 p.m. Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata • *Featuring an easy dance lesson and an evening of dance music played by international bands Musaic and Chubritza. All ages and dance levels are welcome.*  
**After Dark Dance Party** 9 p.m., Abruzzi, 780 Seventh St., Arcata • *DJs Anya, Joe-E and Gabe Pressure bring the dance party to Abruzzi’s. After Arts! Arcata, come dressed to impress for a classy party on the plaza.*  
**Dance Party** 9 p.m. Logger Bar, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake • *Dance with Delth from Dell’Arte.*

❖ **THEATRE**  
**The Little Mermaid** 6:30 p.m. Van Duzer Theater, HSU, Arcata • *See page B1 for more information.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

❖ **MUSIC**  
**An Absolutely Weill Evening** 7:30 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., Arcata • *See Jan. 9 listing for details.*  
**Joe & Me** 8 p.m., Café Mokka, 495 J St., Arcata • *Greek and Turkish music.*  
**Good and Evil Twins Karaoke** 8 p.m., Silver Lining, California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport, McKinleyville  
**Robert Richter** 9 p.m. Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville  
**Taxi** 9 p.m. Central Station, 1631 Central Ave., McKinleyville • *Rock and country.*  
**Dr. Squid** 9 p.m., WAVE Lounge at Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake • *Dance hits.*  
**Vintage Rock n’ Soul** 9 p.m., Firewater Lounge at Cher-Ae Heights Casino, 27 Scenic Drive, Trinidad • *R&B and dance.*  
**DJs** 10 p.m., Toby & Jack’s, 764 Ninth St., Arcata  
**DJs** 10 p.m., Sidelines, 732 Ninth St., Arcata

❖ **THEATRE**  
**The Little Mermaid** 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. Van Duzer Theatre, HSU, Arcata • *See page B1 for more information.*

❖ **DANCE**  
**Latin Dancing** 9 p.m. Mazzotti’s on the Plaza, 773 Eighth St., Arcata • *The second Saturday of every month.*

❖ **COMEDY**  
**Comedy** 9 p.m., Humboldt Brews, 856 10th St., Arcata • *With Andrew Holmgren, Joe Gorman, Connor Marshall and Matt Curry; \$5*

❖ **OTHER**  
**Arcata Winter Farmers’ Market** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Arcata Plaza, Arcata  
**Babies at the Library** 11 a.m., Trinidad Library, 380 Janis Court, Trinidad • *Songs, rhymes and playtime for children aged 3 months to 2 years.*  
**Book Sale** 1 p.m., McKinleyville Shopping Center, Central Ave. & Gwin Rd., McKinleyville • *Details on p. B3.*  
**Misfits of Mayhem New Year’s Eve Party** 8 p.m., The Jambalaya, 915 H St., Arcata • *A comedy and music extravaganza to celebrate the New Year 10 days late.*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

❖ **MUSIC**  
**Tim Breed** 5 p.m., Lighthouse Grill, Saunders Shopping Center, Trinidad  
**Bayside Grange Music Project** 5 to 9 p.m., Bayside Grange Hall, 2297 Jacoby Creek Rd., Bayside  
**Piano Jazz** 6 to 9 p.m., Larrupin Café, 1658 Patrick’s Point Dr., Trinidad  
**Open Mic** 7 p.m., Mosgo’s, 180 Westwood Center, Arcata  
**Jazz Night** 7 p.m., Blondies Food and Drink, 420 E. California Ave., Arcata  
**Karaoke with KJ Leonard** 8 p.m., WAVE Lounge at Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake  
**Karaoke with Chris Clay** 8 p.m., Firewater Lounge at Cher-Ae Heights Casino, 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad  
**Sundaze with Deep Groove Society** 9 p.m., Jambalaya, 915 H St., Arcata

❖ **THEATRE**  
**The Little Mermaid** 1:30 p.m. Van Duzer Theatre, HSU, Arcata • *See page B1 for more information.*

❖ **DANCE**  
**Rueda de Casino (Cuban Salsa)** 7 p.m., Redwood Raks, 824 L St., Arcata

❖ **FILM**  
**Sleeping Beauty (1959)** 9 p.m., Arcata Theater Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata

❖ **OTHER**  
**Redwood Coast Scrabble Club** 1 to 5 p.m., Arcata Community Center 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, Arcata  
**Potluck** 6 p.m., Logger Bar, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake • *Share a dish with friends old and new.*  
**Conversations About Race** 7 p.m., Life-tree Cafe, 13th and Union streets, Arcata • *The program, titled “What Your Black Friend Wants You to Know: The Conversation About Race No One Is Having,” includes a film featuring honest insights from black Americans about their experience with race. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks and beverages are available.*  
**Trivia Night** 8 p.m., Six Rivers Brewery,

1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

❖ **MUSIC**  
**Anemones of the State** 5 p.m., Sushi Spot, 1552 City Center Rd., McKinleyville • *Yes, it’s the Aber Miller and Drew Mohr jazz duo.*  
**Humboldt Ukulele Group** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy., Arcata • *A local ukulele group for all ages and abilities. Extra ukuleles always available.*  
**Buddy Reed** 7 p.m., Crush, 1101 H St., Arcata  
**Karaoke with DJ Marv** 8 p.m., Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville  
**Rude Lion Mondayz** 9:30 p.m., Ocean Grove Cocktail Lounge, 480 Patrick’s Point Dr., Trinidad  
**The Getdown** 10 p.m., The Jambalaya, 915 H St., Arcata

❖ **DANCE**  
**Swing Dance Night** 7 p.m., Redwood Raks, 824 L St., Arcata

❖ **OTHER**  
**Free Pool** all day, Logger Bar, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake  
**Trivia Night** 7 p.m. Redwood Curtain Brewery, 550 South G St., Arcata  
**Quiz Night** 7 p.m., Blondies Food and Drink, 420 E. California Ave., Arcata  
**Poets on the Plaza** 8 p.m., Plaza View Room, Eighth and H streets, Arcata • *Perform your original poetry or come to hear others.*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

❖ **MUSIC**  
**Piet Dalmolen** 6 p.m., Mad River Brewing Co., 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake • *Solo guitar, jazz and blues.*  
**Buddy Reed** 7 p.m., Libation, 761 Eighth St., Arcata  
**Karaoke with Chris Clay** 8 p.m., Firewater Lounge at Cher-Ae Heights Casino, 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad  
**Good and Evil Twins Karaoke** 8 p.m., Silver Lining, California Redwood Coast-Humboldt County Airport, McKinleyville.

❖ **DANCE**  
**Tango Buenos Aires** 8 p.m., Van Duzer Theater, HSU, Arcata • *A Tango showcase. \$45 general admission or \$10 student admission.*

❖ **COMEDY**  
**Savage Henry Weekly Comedy Night** 9 p.m., The Jambalaya, 915 H St., Arcata

❖ **OTHER**  
**Ping Pong** starting at noon, Logger Bar, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake  
**Game Night** 5 p.m., Crush, 1101 H St., Arcata  
**Human Expression Night** 7 p.m., Blondies Food and Drink, 420 E. California Ave., Arcata • *A night of poetry and creativity hosted by Courtne Burns.*

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# SCENE

## One hundred years of storms and the Trinidad Head Lighthouse still shines

Trinidad Head Lighthouse Keeper Captain Fred Harrington wrote his account of the huge wave that washed over the lighthouse 100 years ago:



“The storm commenced on December 28, 1914, blowing a gale that night. The gale continued for a whole week and was accompanied by a very heavy sea from the southwest. On the 30th and 31st, the sea increased and at 3 p.m. on the 31st seemed to have reached its height, when it washed a number of times over (93-foot-high) Pilot Rock, a half mile south of the head. At 4:40 p.m., I was in the tower and had just set the lens in operation and turned to wipe the lantern room windows when I observed a sea of unusual height, then about 200 yards distant, approaching. I watched it as it came in. When it struck the bluff, the jar was very heavy, and the sea shot up to the face of the bluff and over it, until the solid sea seemed to me to be on a level with where I stood in the lantern. Then it commenced to recede and the spray went 25 feet or more higher. The sea itself fell over onto the top of the bluff and struck the tower on about a level with the balcony, making a terrible jar. The whole point between the tower and the bluff was buried in water. The lens immediately stopped revolving and the tower was shivering from the impact for several seconds. Whether the lens was thrown off level by the jar on the bluff, or the sea striking the tower, I could not say. Either one would have been enough. However, I had it leveled and running in half an hour. About an hour later another sea threw spray up on the level of the bluff, and the constant jars of the heavy sea was much over normal during the night and the whole of the next day. On the 3rd, the sea moderated to some extent, but a strong southeast wind and high sea contin-

ued until the 5th. During the 26 years that I have been stationed here, there has at no time been a sea of any such size as that of the 31st experienced here. But once during that time have I known the spray to come onto the bluff in front of the tower, and but twice have I seen sea or spray go over Pilot Rock.”

The lighthouse rests on a shelf 175 feet above sea level and the lighthouse itself is 25 feet tall.

This storm, which also demolished much of the old Ryder Wharf (built in 1859) attached to Trinidad Head, will be commemorated at a Bureau of Land Management commemoration set for Saturday, Jan. 10 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Trinidad Head Lighthouse. Park below head at Trinidad State Beach and walk up the trail to the lighthouse. Or for information on a shuttle provided by Trinidad Rancheria, call event coordinator and BLM interpretive specialist Leiskya Parrott at (707) 825-2313.

Trinidad Museum Vice President Scott Baker has been spending days scraping, caulking, polishing brass, painting and giving minute attention to detail in restoring the interior and exterior of the lighthouse. Scott, formerly a City of Arcata building inspector, grew up in Trinidad on Stagecoach Road. His family owned Baker Store (now Beachcomber Cafe) across from Trinidad School. The store sold general merchandise, bait, ice cream and delicatessen sandwiches. In the late 1940s and through the 1950s, the Baker family was involved in every aspect of Trinidad life.

Scott is an invaluable resource for anecdotes about Trinidad people, places and events. He keeps detailed files on Trinidad history, Trinidad Museum events and attends to countless exhibit and maintenance needs at the museum, finding solutions to most any museum need. His affection for preserving Trinidad's history is clearly evident in the exquisite attention to detail he has given to restoring the 1871 lighthouse tower.

Trinidad Museum's photography room exhibit, “Trinidad Lighthouse 1871-Present,” will come down after the Jan. 10 event so be sure to visit the museum soon to view the historic lighthouse photographs. The museum is open Thursday through Sunday from 12:30 to 4 p.m. in the winter.

### Ben Morehead at Trinidad Civic Club

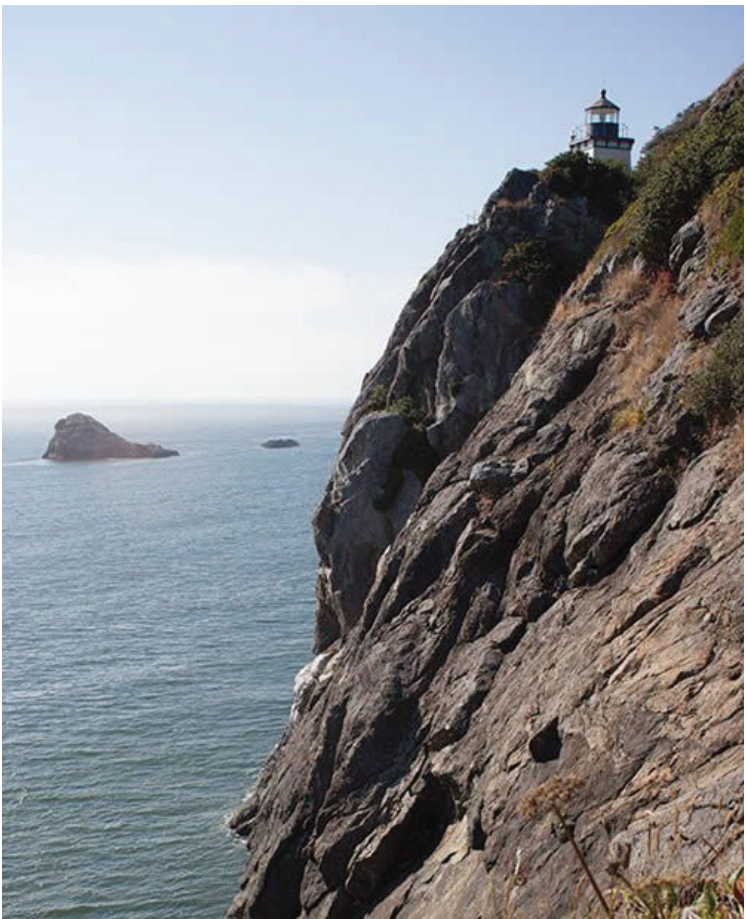
Trinidad Civic Club holds its first 2015 meeting on Thursday, Jan. 8 with Donna Haddock and Liz Thatcher presiding at the business meeting starting promptly at 10 a.m.

Past Trinidad Coastal Land Trust (TCLT) President Ben Morehead will present a colorful Power Point program at 11 a.m. on the TCLT's many beautiful properties and conservation easements and on the under-construction TCLT gallery-office behind the library.

Members and guests welcome. Call Donna or Liz at (707) 496-5350 or (707) 502-5799 for information on the Club or Ben at (707) 496-3375 for details about TCLT.

### Fine Arts Salons in January

Donna Haddock of Inner Center Fine Arts Institute, Inc. ([icfineartsin.org](http://icfineartsin.org)) presents four more programs with a focus on Portraiture-Purpose, Materials, Methods, Techniques and Styles on Jan. 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 10 until 11:30 a.m.



TRINIDAD HEAD LIGHTHOUSE perched atop a rocky cliff.  
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Light refreshments will be served. A \$10 donation for each salon is suggested. Seating limited so reservations are important. Call (707) 496-5354 for venue information.

### Calling all volunteers for Trinidad Clam Beach Run

The Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce needs volunteers for the annual TCBR honoring Ford Hess set for Saturday, Jan. 31. Contact Race Director Midori Fulk at (707) 496-0186 or email [midorifulk@gmail.com](mailto:midorifulk@gmail.com) to volunteer. Race proceeds benefit the Chamber's scholarship program.

Email Patti at [baycity@sonic.net](mailto:baycity@sonic.net)

## Fill your house with stacks of books, in all the crannies and in all the nooks

Resolve to read in 2015, exhorts the McKinleyville Library, which offer numerous ways to help you encounter new and interesting books.

The library staff has put together bookmarks with a title suggestion from their collection for each month of the year. There are bookmarks for children, teens, mystery fans, sci-fi fans and more. If you have a McKinleyville library card, you have all you need to start the year off with a good book.

### Letters, games, stories and music, o my!

The week of Jan. 5 to 12 is Universal Letter Writing Week. The McKinleyville library invites you to come in and use their “Stationary Station” to send a letter. This is a great chance to flex those thank-you card muscles, and reconnect with friends in the New Year.

Starting this month, the McKinleyville library hosts monthly board game days. Join in every third Saturday of the month to play games at the library. They have several games here for you to try, and invite you to bring your favorites to share. The first board game day of the year is Saturday, Jan. 17.

In addition, after the success of their Magic the Gathering nights in November, the library has decided to start a monthly trading card game night every third Wednesday of the month. For many of these nights, staff from NuGames will be available to answer questions and help new players. The first event will be Wednesday, Jan. 21 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Baby Read and Grow Story Time at the Mack Town library continues every first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. with Tenille Choi. This special program is for children 3 to 23 months old and includes songs, stories, and free play time for babies. The next program is Saturday, Feb. 7 at 10 a.m.



Also at the library, Wednesday Story Time continues every Wednesday at 1 p.m. with Liz. There will be a craft project in February for Valentine's Day that you won't want to miss.

Also in February, the McKinleyville library presents is a free family concert with world music duo Four Shillings Short. The duo of Aodh Óg Ó Tuama and Christy Martin perform traditional Irish tunes and airs, Indian ragas, folk ballads, old-time songs, medieval and renaissance instrumentals and acappella numbers as well as contemporary folk and original compositions.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the whole family to enjoy music from all over the world, and is completely free thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Friends of the McKinleyville Library. The concert will be held in Azalea Hall Friday, Feb. 13 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Keep up with all the library events by following them on Facebook at [facebook.com/McKinleyvilleLibrary](https://facebook.com/McKinleyvilleLibrary) or visit us at [humboldt.gov/304/McKinleyville-Library](http://humboldt.gov/304/McKinleyville-Library).

### Buy a book or a bag of books

Dr. Seuss advises us to, “Fill your house with stacks of books, in all the crannies and in all the nooks.” Do so at tables filled with books for all ages, in all categories of fiction and non-fiction at Friends of the McKinleyville Library's Second Saturday Book Sale near the totem pole at the McKinleyville Shopping Center Saturday, Jan. 10 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Hundreds of books are donated every month and most of them are in excellent condition. Prices are low and the selection is eclectic. Bring a bag and fill it with books from the \$2 per bag tables.

### Trinidad Library happenings

The Trinidad Library is likewise catering to the needs of New Year's resolution-makers, offering a number of opportunities to meet local authors at the Trinidad Library,

380 Janis Ct. in Trinidad.

The year kicks off with Trinidad's Alison Silver reading from her young adult fantasy novel and signing copies at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15. The fates of a gryphon, an island and a misfit teenager are intertwined in *Half Drowned*, the first novel by the 17-year-old author.

Pat McCutcheon will read from her new chapbook, *Slipped Past Words* and sign copies of her work on Thursday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m.

Bryan Radzin, an HSU graduate in creative writing and journalism, will read from his first novel, *Search for Truth: The Seeker Begins* on Thursday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.

For more information about these events and regular Trinidad Library happenings, contact the library at (707) 677-0227.

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# Local Girl Scouts earn Gold Awards

**Cheryl Kingham**  
SPECIAL TO THE UNION

HUMBOLDT – For the first time in over a decade, Humboldt County was able to honor a Girl Scout for earning the highest award possible, a Gold Award. Not only that, but four Ambassador Girl Scouts achieved this honor in 2014. On Dec. 27, local officials and family members gathered at the “See How They Shine” ceremony to honor Fieldbrook’s Hannah Christen, Arcata’s Hannah Josang, Eureka’s Josie Noel-Veatch and McKinleyville’s Stephanie Kingham.

Girls qualify to earn the Gold Award by completing a number of leadership requirements. After finding their passion to address a community or world-wide issue, they develop sustainable projects that impact that issue. After a project proposal is approved by the Council’s Gold Award committee, a minimum of 80 hours of work is required, though most projects entail many more hours. The project must serve a non-Girl Scout population. In addition to using leadership skills to build a team of volunteers to work on their project, the girls must find or earn their own funding, create a budget and schedules and learn to navigate government or institutional procedures. Their communication skills are tested as they work on these projects and build sustainable elements before creating a final report presenting what they learned to the committee.

“These are truly prestigious awards and I am very proud that our local Girl Scout movement is so strong here in Humboldt that we have produced these remarkable young ladies,” said Elaine

Reed, Girl Scout alumna and troop leader.

**Christen on beach safety**

Hannah Christen, the first of the four young women to have completed her project, addressed the issue of water and beach safety in Humboldt County. Following several local tragedies, Christen began to research the problem and met with staff from NOAA and county agencies. Christen designed a website that includes a description, directions and the specific hazards of 19 local beaches.

Her Humboldt County Beach Directory and Safety Guide can be found at [redwoodgirlscouts.org/Beaches/index.htm](http://redwoodgirlscouts.org/Beaches/index.htm). Links to the National Weather Service provide updated tide information and other links allow anyone to download an informative poster or rack cards to distribute to schools or local businesses.

Christen is an Arcata High graduate and now a freshman at American University in Maryland. Primary funding for her project came from Soroptimist International of Humboldt Bay, who honored Christen with their 2013 Violet Richardson Award.

“Information is power and I hope that getting this information out can help to save lives,” Christen said. “Even people who have lived in Humboldt all their lives can learn or be reminded about the dangers in our beautiful backyard.”

**Josang tackles gender norms**

The second Girl Scout to complete her Gold Award was Hannah Josang, a graduate of Arcata High School. Josang’s project, “Beauty and Masculinity: Who Decides?” was designed to give high school students an opportunity to think critically about how they view

themselves based on American social norms.

Working with teachers and staff at both McKinleyville and Arcata high schools, Josang put together a program that involved gender-specific surveys to explore the issue. Josang led presentations to over 600 students, challenging them to come up with their own definitions of gender.

The second part of Josang’s project involved recruiting volunteers to assist with a construction project at the Eureka’s Women’s Shelter. The shelter’s room containing linens, clothing and toiletries to help women was in great need of a makeover. Josang organized donation and work parties to remove everything from the room, paint it, install new flooring and fix the closet and storage units.

Josang’s project was helped with donations and support from Eureka Floor Carpet One, Soroptimist International of Eureka, Pierson Building Center, BC Ferreira Construction and many volunteers.

**Noel-Veatch eradicates graffiti**

Josie Noel-Veatch earned her Gold Award with a project addressing the issue of graffiti and urban blight that appears even in our rural county. Learning that the parking lot near the Humboldt County Public Defenders building frequently had to be repainted, Noel-Veatch wanted to tackle the problem in a new way.

“I decided to design and paint a mural in the hopes that art would prevent future vandalism and educate the community about the seriousness of the problem,” Noel-Veatch said. “Since many of the murals around Humboldt County have remained untouched for 20 or more years, my hope was that



**GOLDEN GIRLS** Stephanie Kingham, Hannah Christen and Josie Noel-Veatch were honored in a celebration for earning their Girl Scout Gold Award. Not pictured is Hannah Josang. SUBMITTED PHOTO

this same reverence for art will help my mural last for many years to come, saving tax dollars and creating moments of beauty for those who use the parking lot.”

Noel-Veatch obtained permission from the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, then created a Facebook page to coordinate volunteer schedules and post updates on the progress of the mural.

Noel-Veatch graduated from Eureka High School and is a freshman at Southern Oregon University. Funding for her project came from herself, her family, her Girl Scout Troop 70202 as well as North Coast Kiwanis. Pierson Building Center was a major contributor of paint and brushes.

**Kingham promotes tranquility**

The fourth 2014 Gold Award was earned by Stephanie Kingham for creating a peaceful garden and tranquil mural at her alma mater, McKinleyville High.

“Initially, I wanted to provide a safe haven for students to prevent suicide and reduce stress by building a relaxing area that could be used for calming down,” Kingham said. “As the project evolved, I looked at it as a way to also ad-

dress the issue of a lack of expression and art in education.”

Commitments from Mack High staff ensure that the garden and mural will be looked after in the years to come.

Kingham is now a freshman at the University of San Francisco. Financial support for her project came from family, volunteers, the Zanotti family, Humboldt Area Foundation’s Grassroots Grant-making Fund and Soroptimist International of Arcata.

**Silver may lead to future gold**

At the ceremony, eight other Girl Scouts were honored for having completed the requirements to earn Silver Awards in the past year: Emily Shapiro, Hailey Boyum, Kim Paulo, Kirsten Josang, Cathryn Noel-Veatch, Malaysia Thao, Fiona Koval and Sonja Bandy.

“Now that we have the glimmer of gold again in Humboldt for Girl Scouts, I hope that every one of these eight girls and more of their fellow Girl Scouts will also seek a Gold Award. Everybody benefits when girls develop the leadership skills to see such creative community service projects from fruition to completion,” Reed said.

## The stroke of Midnight



Midnight

**H**appy new year! Now is a good time to visit Companion Animal Foundation to get a spay/neuter voucher for household pets or neighborhood stray and feral cats.

The program offers low-cost spay/neuter vouchers for cats and dogs to limited income families and individuals living in Arcata, north to Orick and east to Willow Creek. Call the Sunny Brae



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❖ COMPANION ANIMALS

store to check income qualifications, or bring photo ID and proof of income into the store between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

While you’re at CAF, meet sweet kitties Midnight and Orion, who are both up for adoption.

For more info about CAF services and programs, email [cafanimals@gmail.com](mailto:cafanimals@gmail.com), visit [cafanimals.org](http://cafanimals.org), call (707) 826-PETS (7387) or visit the thrift store at 88 Sunny Brae Center in Arcata.

## Big or small, Chloe and Sid have got it all

**H**appy New Year! I hope you all survived the hectic holiday season. Here’s to a happy and healthy 2015. If volunteering is a part of your New Year’s resolutions, both Redwood Pals Rescue and the Humboldt County Animal Shelter would love to have your help. Both groups have Facebook pages where you can follow our news and find opportunities to contribute.



MARA SEGAL  
❖ DOGTOWN



Chloe

From the shelter this week we have the lovely Chloe, a 7-year-old Boxer mix. She has the most gorgeous fawn-colored coat and a very sweet personality. Chloe knows quite a few commands and is good on the leash. Volunteers describe her as calm and loving. She can be playful too and loves a good squeaky toy when she has the opportunity.

Chloe has been good with children that she has met and is friendly with other dogs. She might do better in a home without cats, though the shelter does have a nice handout, prepared by local trainer Emily Fraser-Thomson, about introducing a new dog to a home with cats.

Chloe is in fine physical shape and would make a good exercise partner. At seven, the shelter categorizes her as a senior, which really just means that her adoption fees are lower. She is spayed, micro-chipped and current on her vaccinations. To meet her, please visit the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville or call (707) 840-9132.

Redwood Pals has recently been working with little Sid. Sid is a young adult Chihuahua mix, possibly Shiba Inu also.

Sid came to the shelter with a harness embedded in his shoulder. Not surprisingly, he was initially a little



Sid

wary of meeting new people. We have found that once Sid gets to know you, he is your best friend!

Sid is very playful and is a whiz at fetch. He is good on the leash and gets along fine with other dogs. He can be very goofy and is guaranteed to make you laugh.

Sid is a great example of a dog in rescue, one that has had a bad experience and just needs a little extra time and attention to bring out his charming personality. Sid will make a great companion for the person that is willing to keep working on his training and show him that most people are a lot of fun. To meet Sid, please call (707) 840-9132 or email [redwood-palsrescue@gmail.com](mailto:redwood-palsrescue@gmail.com).

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Joan Alves

1938-2014

Dorothy Joan Alves passed peacefully into memory Sunday morning, Dec. 28, in the McKinleyville home she loved.

Joan was born in Gilroy, Calif. to Arthur George and Berniece Elizabeth Alves and educated in local schools. She worked at the Odd Fellow-Rebekah Children's Home and was proud of putting herself through Gavilan Junior College and San Jose State University, where she earned her bachelor's degree and teaching credential.

The second phase of her career took her to Modesto, where she taught in three high schools and served on the planning committee for another. Thousands of students benefited from her passion for education and encouragement to excel. Her summers were spent traveling, often to Yellowstone or Glacier National Parks.

When she retired to McKinleyville, she joined the local branch of the American Association of University Women and served several terms on the board. She also became an active quilter, participating in many quilting charity programs, including the Moonstone Quilt Guild's Relay for Life team, the Community Quilt closet, quilts for newborns, veterans and dialysis patients. Recipients of her quilts treasure them. She taught several of her caregivers



to quilt, including a couple who didn't even know how to sew.

Joan loved to read and belonged to three book groups. She will be missed by all her friends, and especially her family. She is survived by her brother Richard Alves, her sister Elizabeth Alves, her nephew Anton Alves and his wife Tiffany and children Abriel and Talon, and her best friend Ila Westfall. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Joan hated funerals and refused to have one, but a celebration of life will be held Saturday, Jan. 10, at 2983 Springer Drive in McKinleyville at 10 a.m. Please bring memories and stories to share. In lieu of flowers, Joan requested donations to the AAUW Women's Re-Entry Scholarship Fund, Hospice of Humboldt or the Friends of the McKinleyville Library. For more information, email [joan1998mck@gmail.com](mailto:joan1998mck@gmail.com) or phone (707) 839-9520.

Merry Martha Maloney

1941-2014

On Dec. 27, 2014, Merry Martha Maloney of Blue Lake, California passed away in the lovely home she shared with her wife of 28 years, Barbara Culbertson. Merry was surrounded by tremendous love and light of her chosen family and grateful community.

Merry was born on Feb. 13, 1941 in San Jose, Calif. to Thomas Patrick Maloney and Lillian (Gard) Maloney. She graduated with a Master's Degree in nursing from the University of Pennsylvania and went on to teach nursing at the University of Hawaii, University of Virginia and Humboldt State. She later became a school nurse for several Humboldt County Schools where her bubbling open heart made a terrific impact on the lives of scores of children as "Nurse Merry."

Upon her retirement, Merry redirected her nursing skills to the rescue and rehabilitation of birds of prey through the Humboldt Wildlife Care Center (HWCC). During this time she developed and became director of their Educational program. Handling several different unreleasable hawks, owls and falcons, she and her team of volunteers presented over 100 programs a year in schools and community groups. "Merry's devotion to future generations, to environmental education, and our co-existence with our wild neighbors will leave a long legacy," said HWCC.

Merry was an athlete and fitness advocate. As a younger woman she was a belly dancer, body builder and competitive swimmer. Later, as an avid cyclist, Merry and her biking buddies Diana Livingston, Jody Rusconi, and Lynn Smith (the "Machettes") rode over 100,000 miles together during the past 25 years. One of Merry's last big rides, the Markleville Death Ride, was at age 70 with her "brother" Lee Rusconi. An extremely challenging ride, the course covers five mountain passes over 129 miles of terrain



in one day. She has also ridden Pedal the Peaks, Cycle Oregon, Tour of the Unknown Coast, Death Valley, and many more 100 milers. In 2012, with teammates Michelle Jezycki and Marion Huish, she raced the bike leg of the Half Iron Man Puerto Rico Triathlon. She inspired riders half her age.

Merry was a member of Pan Dulce Steel Pan Orchestra, ran agility competitions with her beloved four-legged friend Lila and hiked so many miles of trails with her two legged friends.

Merry was a lover of Life, who always had time to get down on her knees and play in the doll house with her "kids," listen to a story or laugh out loud. She made children feel immeasurably important. She had a willing ear, a winning smile and just the right amount of mischief in her eye. She loved a good cup of coffee in the morning.

Merry is survived by her wife, Barbara Culbertson and chosen family: Kathleen Cornish of Blue Lake, Jaese Lecuyer of North Dakota, Jacqueline Dandeneau, David Ferney and her most beloved "fairy granddaughters" Amelia David and Cora Dandeneau of Blue Lake, Amy Tetzlaff and Tom, Jeremy, Stephanie and Iris Szantos of McKinleyville, her cousin Jann Fling of Delhi, India, nieces Becky Parsons of Yuba City and Deborah Lessa of Hayward, goddaughter Laura Snow and son Zak of Aptos, beloved dog Lila, Purl the cat, and a host of winged creatures.

Merry wanted us to "Thank everyone. Don't leave anyone out." And so, Merry, we will try our best:

A special thanks to Dr. Michael Fratkin, Hospice nurse Deann and the staff at Hospice of Humboldt, the staff at St. Joe's Infusion Center, Dr. Palmer and Dr. Luh, Sharon Nelson, Jean Stach and Jim Kineary, Rebecca Zettler and Kit Mann, Diana Livingston, Lee and Jody Rusconi, Barbara Penny and Kristi Gochoel, Tisa Lucchessi, Joan Schirle, Jeanne Peffley and Cathy Gillan, Marlene Jerkovich, Linda Parkinson and the Humboldt Wildlife Care Center crew.

A huge thank you to everyone who brought food this past year, everyone who lit a candle, said a prayer, sent good energy, and loved Merry Martha Maloney, that "shining burst of a woman."

A celebration of Merry's infectious bright life will be held at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., on Sunday, Feb. 8 from 2 to 6 p.m. Please bring a memory and a smile.

Memorial donations can be made to:

- Humboldt Wildlife Care Center, P.O. Box 4141, Arcata, CA 95518
- Hospice of Humboldt, 2010 Myrtle Ave., Eureka, CA 95501
- The Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., Arcata, CA, 95521
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14-00715

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

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45 ERICSON CT.  
ARCATA, CA 95521  
FIRE & LIGHT ORIGINALS, LP  
45 ERICSON CT.  
ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by: A Limited Partnership  
**S/JOHN A. MCCLURG, PRESIDENT**  
**GAEA RESOURCES INC./ GENERAL PARTNER**

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 10, 2014  
C. CRNICH

**M. MORRIS DEPUTY**  
12/17, 12/24, 12/31, 1/7

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

14-00724

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**GONE WELDING**  
2905 SAINT LOUIS ROAD  
ARCATA, CA 95521  
DANIEL L. HOUSER  
2284 PARIS AVE.  
REDDING, CA 96001

This business is conducted by: An Individual  
**S/DANIEL LEROY HOUSER, OWNER**

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C. CRNICH

**A. ABRAM DEPUTY**  
12/17, 12/24, 12/31, 1/7

**ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
13-00131

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

GONE WELDING

2905 SAINT LOUIS ROAD

ARCATA, CA 95521

P.O. BOX 526  
ARCATA, CA 95518  
MATTHEW R. TOBIN  
2520 PEVELER AVE.  
CRESCENT CITY, CA 95531

This business is conducted by: An Individual  
**S/DANIEL LEROY HOUSER, OWNER**

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**A. ABRAM DEPUTY**  
12/17, 12/24, 12/31, 1/7

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

14-00729

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**TRENCHCAN**  
1936 CROWELL LANE  
EUREKA, CA 95503  
JASON P. BUCK  
1936 CROWELL LANE  
EUREKA, CA 95503

This business is conducted by: An Individual  
**S/JASON BUCK, OWNER**

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**A. ABRAM DEPUTY**  
12/24, 12/31, 1/7, 1/14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

14-00688

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**THE TRASH GUYS**  
202 THOMAS RD.  
MIRANDA, CA 95533  
MILES MURZI  
202 THOMAS RD.  
MIRANDA, CA 95533

This business is conducted by: An Individual

S/MILES MURZI, OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 2, 2014  
C. CRNICH

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

14-00732

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**DAYS INN & SUITES**  
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4701 VALLEY WEST BLVD.  
ARCATA, CA 95521  
JAI JALARAM BAPA INVESTMENT LLC  
201213910367  
4701 VALLEY WEST BLVD.  
ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company  
**S/PRITESH PATEL, CEO**

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 18, 2014  
C. CRNICH

**Z. HALMAN DEPUTY**  
1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

14-00706

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**PRAXIS FITNESS**  
239 G STREET  
EUREKA, CA 95501  
CECILIA G. WALKER  
1141 COUSINS STREET  
APT. 2  
EUREKA, CA 95501

This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company  
**S/CECILIA WALKER, OWNER**

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 08, 2014  
C. CRNICH

M. MORRIS DEPUTY

1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

TINA GEORGE

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

CASE NO. CV140811

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner **TINA GEORGE** has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name **TINA GEORGE** to Proposed name **TINA DAWSON**.

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: FEB. 2, 2015  
Time: 1:45 p.m.  
Dept.: 8

3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in this county: Mad River Union.

The following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.

Filed: DEC. 15, 2014  
W. BRUCE WATSON  
Judge of the Superior Court  
12/24, 12/31, 1/7, 1/14

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SARAH FLOWER

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

CASE NO. CV140816

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner **SARAH FLOWER** has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name **LILLIAN GRACE LEDFORD** to Proposed name **LILLIAN GRACE LEDFORD-FLOWER** and Present name **JACK HENRY LEDFORD** to Proposed name **JACK HENRY LEDFORD-FLOWER**.

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not

be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: FEB. 4, 2015  
Time: 1:45 p.m.  
Dept.: 8

3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in this county: Mad River Union.

Filed: DEC. 16, 2014  
W. BRUCE WATSON  
Judge of the Superior Court  
1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

COREY VAN CHARLES BOOTH

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

CASE NO. CV140826

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name **COREY VAN CHARLES BOOTH** to Proposed name **COREY VAN CHARLES GRANT**.

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection

that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: FEB. 9, 2015  
Time: 1:45 p.m.  
Dept.: 8

3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in this county: Mad River Union.

Filed: DEC. 22, 2014  
DALE A. REINHOLTSEN  
Judge of the Superior Court  
1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28

**AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF GLADYS M. BERGHAGEN A.K.A. GLADYS MAE BERGHAGEN**  
**CASE NO.: PR140301**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **GLADYS M. BERGHAGEN A.K.A. GLADYS MAE BERGHAGEN**

A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by: **CLYDE BERGHAGEN AND JERRY BERGHAGEN** in the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt.

The Petition for Probate

requests that: **CLYDE BERGHAGEN AND JERRY BERGHAGEN** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

**A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:**

Date: January 15, 2015  
Time: 2:00 PM  
Dept.: 8  
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

**If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written**

objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

**If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.**

**Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

**You may examine the file kept by the court.** If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for the petitioner: **DENNIS C. REINHOLTSEN**  
**JANSEN MALLOY, LLP**  
730 FIFTH STREET, P.O. BOX 1288  
EUREKA, CA 95501  
(707) 445-2071  
12/31, 1/7, 1/14





**TAKE A BOOK, RETURN A BOOK** Literature lines the streets and byways of Arcata even more now, thanks to the newest Little Free Library in the alley off 13th Street, top left. Like those in Jacoby's Storehouse, on Hyland Street in Bayside and Anderson Avenue in McKinleyville, the handsome house of books offers free roadside reads of an eclectic nature. Though not listed at [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org), other micro-bastions of literacy sometimes spring up in unexpected places. Above middle, a lobby book exchange at the Arcata Technology Center on Eighth Street. Above right, a dumpster full of old books on Beverly Drive was, alas, headed for disposal. Below left, book boxes on a Chester Avenue sidewalk.

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**FREENESS ISN'T FREE** No, scrawling a cutesophical slogan on the box of crap you're too lazy to dispose of properly doesn't lend artistic legitimacy to littering, which costs Arcata – that's you – lots of tax dollars to clean up. Top left, a box on Bayside Road started out as a quasi-meta-proto-art installation, not. It then inevitably devolved into a poorly-curated horizontal debris storm, left, components of which remain embedded in the roadside foliage to this day. The glistening remnants amid the brambles remind one that not everything that shines is gold, and dude, that is so *freakin' meta*. Meanwhile, over on Virginia Way, they know how to truly share, and with style. There, the offerings are well presented, protected, unpretentious and best of all, free.

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## HSU scientist to discuss Sea Star Wasting Disease at Aqua Center

HUMBOLDT – Explore North Coast invites the public to “Marine Research on the North Coast and the Sea Star Wasting Disease” featuring Dr. Brian Tissot, director of the Humboldt State University Marine Lab on Monday, Jan. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center, 921 Waterfront Dr., Eureka.

Tissot will describe ongoing marine research projects conducted by Humboldt State University's faculty and students, including studies on the newly created marine protected areas along the North Coast.

Research focused on the ongoing sea star wasting disease will be described along with results of recent surveys. The talk will also discuss planning efforts by HSU's newly created Humboldt Marine and Coastal Science Institute.

Dr. Brian Tissot is a marine ecologist with experience conducting research in intertidal zone, kelp forest, coral reef and deep-reef ecosystems. He received his BS in Biology from Cal Poly (SLO), his MS in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology from UC Irvine, and his Ph.D. in Zoology from Oregon State University. He has held faculty positions at the University of Hawaii and Washington State University and currently serves as the director of the Marine Laboratory at Humboldt State University.

Tissot's research is focused on the interface between biology, management, and policy and examines ecological interactions between habitat and commercially important marine fishes and invertebrates and the role of the community in managing marine resources.

Through collaboration with state, federal and international agencies he is involved in a range of activities including basic research, research with implications towards resource management, and environmental policy development in Hawaii, Washington, Oregon and California.

He has published more than 70 papers in technical reports and scientific journals and has been awarded over \$8 million in research grants in his career. Tissot's work has been featured in *Scientific American*, *Smithsonian* magazine, the *Washington Post* and in several films.



Dr. Brian Tissot

**BEE PRODUCT DISCUSSION** The first 2015 meeting of the Humboldt County Beekeepers Association will focus on products from the hive. What do you make? Soaps? Lotions? Medicines? Honey recipes? Candles? Share what you make from hive products. The meeting takes place Thursday, Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Humboldt County Agriculture Department at 5630 South Broadway, Eureka.

**DUNE RESTORATION** Volunteers are needed to help Friends of the Dunes restore the natural dune ecosystem at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center property Saturday, Jan. 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteers will remove invasive plants and making room for more native diversity. Tools, gloves and cookies will be provided. Be sure to bring drinking water and wear work clothes. Meet at 220 Stamps Lane in Manila. (707) 444-1397, [info@friendsofthedunes.org](mailto:info@friendsofthedunes.org)

**FOAM MARSH TOUR** Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary Saturday, Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. Meet leader Barbara Reisman at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359.

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